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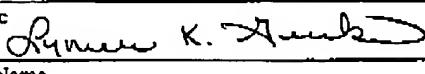
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| 1002 350                 | 2002 175      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003 550                 | 2003 275      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004 790                 | 2004 395      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005 160                 | 2005 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 16                  | 2202 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201 88                  | 2201 44       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203 300                 | 2203 150      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 68                  | 2204 44       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205 18                  | 2205 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1052 50                           | 2052 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053 130                          | 1053 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812 2,520                        | 1812 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804 820*                         | 1804 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*                       | 1805 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251 110                          | 2251 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252 430                          | 2252 215      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253 980                          | 2253 490      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254 1,530                        | 2254 765      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255 2,080                        | 2255 1,040    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401 340                          | 2401 170      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402 340                          | 2402 170      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403 300                          | 2403 150      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451 1,510                        | 1451 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452 110                          | 2452 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453 1,330                        | 2453 685      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501 1,370                        | 2501 685      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502 490                          | 2502 245      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503 680                          | 2503 330      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460 130                          | 1460 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807 50                           | 1807 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  | 180      |
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| 1809 790                          | 2809 395      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
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| 1801 790                          | 2801 395      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
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